

Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate room, and saw his excellency qualify in the presence of both houses, by subscribing the declaration, taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, and the oath of office directed to be taken by act of assembly.

Mr. Speaker, with the members, returned and resumed the chair.

Mr. William Goldsborough, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

John Hall, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 9, 1790.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to proceed to the election of a council to the governor at the hour appointed in your message by Mr. Ringgold, and have appointed William Hemsley and James Carroll, Esquires, to join the members of your house in the examination of the ballot boxes. No person is nominated by this house, in addition to the gentlemen named in your message.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

Which was read.

And a petition from the president and directors of the Patowmack company, on behalf of the same company, praying an act may pass lengthening the time for making and improving the navigation above the Great Falls, and granting some additional privileges, endorsed; "By the senate, November 9, 1790: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order.

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Stone, Mr. Craik, Mr. Gough, and Mr. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the regulation of officers fees. ORDERED, That Mr. Craik, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Duvall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house having qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a council to the governor; and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time reported, that Henry Ridgely, Randolph Brandt Latimer, John Davidson, William Hindman, and John Kilty, had a majority of votes. Whereupon,

RESOLVED, That the said Henry Ridgely, Randolph Brandt Latimer, John Davidson, William Hindman, and John Kilty, be, and they are hereby declared to be, the council to the governor.

Mr. Smith, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Hercules Courtenay, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them truly stated, and are of opinion, from the peculiar circumstances of his case, that the prayer of his petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Gough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Merryman, of Baltimore county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass authorising the justices of Baltimore county court to assess, at the time of laying the next county assessment, on the taxable property of said county, the sum of thirty-four pounds thirteen shillings and nine-pence current money, with — per cent. interest from the 9th of November, 1776, and pay over the same to the said Nicholas Merryman. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Craik, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the judges of the court of appeals to continue certain causes now depending before them; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Walter Bowie, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

A petition from Leonard Harbaugh, of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass to discharge him from debts which he is unable to pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from John Talbot Risteau, of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass to discharge him from debts which he is unable to pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The bill to enable the judges of the court of appeals to continue certain causes now depending before them, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent the senate by Mr. Craik.

The bill to establish a market at Easton, in Talbot county, and for the regulation of the said market, was sent to the senate by Mr. Kerr.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the establishing a bank in the town of Baltimore, under the title of the Bank of Maryland. ORDERED, That Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stone, Mr. McMechen, and Mr. Ridgely, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr.